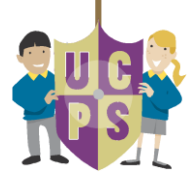




# USWORTH COLLIERY

## Weekly Newsletter



18th October 2024

### UCPS GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM



The girls team kicked off their season on Tuesday with two games against Biddick and George Washington. We started the first game (against George Washington) strong with an early counter attack resulting in a well-timed goal from captain Jessie-May. Both teams fought hard, with the opponents struggling to get past our strong back line with Mya and Darcy working brilliantly as a defensive team. However, George Washington used their fresh legged substitutes to eventually break free, ending the game with a 3-1 loss. In the second game, we really came together as a team with Leela, Zoe and Jade pairing up brilliantly to find space and put the pressure on the opponents. All of the girls performed brilliantly as a team but this was not reflected in the 3-0 score line. Despite the results, the girls showed excellent sportsmanship and resilience. Jasmine was also awarded player of the match by the referee for her outstanding saves in both games.

### REQUEST FOR ITEMS FOR THE NEW RECEPTION COUNTING LIBRARY

EYFS are reaching out to ask for your help! They are creating a counting library to help the children practise those basic counting skills in a fun and interesting way. If you have any spare containers or jars at home, we would greatly appreciate it if you could bring them into school. We are also looking for loose parts such as coins, buttons, and other items that can be used for creative projects and counting in the classroom. Thank you for your support!



### POPPY SELLING FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

From 17<sup>th</sup> October until Remembrance Day, we will be selling poppies and other poppy merchandise from the school office before and after school to raise vital funds for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. As a school we feel that Remembrance is a very important occasion and always do all we can to commemorate the great contributions service men and women have made. The Royal British Legion held its first poppy appeal to help those returning from the First World War. Money from the appeal is used to provide support for bereaved families, help wounded service men and women, assist younger veterans with finding accommodation and other employment and to support older veterans needing age-related care.



### PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our parents' meetings this week. It was lovely to see so many of you in school and I hope you found it both beneficial and informative speaking to your child's class teacher. If you were unable to attend but would like the opportunity to speak to the class teacher, please contact the office and we will try to accommodate this.

### YEAR 5 HARVEST GOOD DEEDS AT MICKEY'S PLACE

On Monday morning, Year 5 took their food donations over to the food bank. Mickey's place was hugely grateful for the amount we had raised and the children were very proud of their achievement. As well as all the food donations we were also able to give £53 from the money they raised by selling their salt dough creations. Whilst at the foodbank, the children learnt about the traditional Christian celebration of harvest and what a Christian harvest table looks like.



## WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

**Jesse 4EH** came to show me how hard he worked today in this English book. He has been given a book with special lines to help him form his letters more accurately and WOW what a difference! I was so shocked to see the improvements he made in only one day. I can't wait to see his book next week to see if all his pages are as beautifully presented as today's. Well done Jesse.

**Peyton RAW** showed me her fantastic writing. She was able to label objects from the treasure chest using her phonics knowledge. One of the words was pumpkin! I was so impressed with both her handwriting and her spelling. Keep up the hard work Peyton!

## SPOOKILY GOOD PACKED LUNCHES FOR FREE

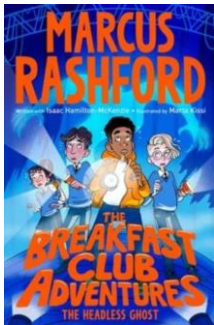
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## WASHINGTON ATHLETIC HALLOWEEN FOOTBALL CAMP AT SCHOOL

Please see the flyer at the bottom on this newsletter of information about this half Term camp. For details call 07979559681, email [kbcoaching.krazyballers@gmail.com](mailto:kbcoaching.krazyballers@gmail.com) or find them on Facebook KB Coaching-Krazy Ballers

## RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

### The Breakfast Club Adventures: The Headless Ghost by Marcus Rashford



Join Marcus and friends as they solve another exciting mystery in The Breakfast Club Adventures: The Headless Ghost. This is the fifth spooky adventure by England International footballer, child food-poverty campaigner and bestselling author Marcus Rashford MBE. Inspired by Marcus's own experiences growing up! The perfect spooky read for Halloween. There's only a week to go before the school play when things start going wrong in rehearsals. Sets crash over, lights go on and off and the fog machine has a mind of its own. There are rumours that a headless ghost has been haunting the dressing rooms and ruining rehearsals with its ear-splitting screech. Marcus and his friends must work together to solve the mystery before opening night. The show must go on, so it's a good thing the Breakfast Club Investigators never give up!

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Max number	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Justice	1-2	20	Base Room (Blue)
Monday	Forest School	Mrs Walker/ Mrs Prinn	Reception – 2	20	Forest School
Monday	Choir	Mrs Barella	2-6	20	3CB classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green/Mrs Edmonds	1-6	15	TBC
Tuesday	Games & Jigsaws	Mrs Dixon	1-2	20	1RD classroom
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Swinburn	3-6	30	6CS classroom
Tuesday	STEM	Mr Warner	5-6	15	5JW classroom
Tuesday	Sensory session	Miss Raistrick	Base & siblings	10 inc siblings	Base room (red)
Tuesday	Just Dance	Mrs Robson	1-6	10	Thrive classroom
Thursday	Multi Sports	Mr Pearson	5-6	16	Hall/field

## AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week    New dates added

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	4EH Vindolanda (date changed)
Friday 25th October	Last day of this half term
<b>Monday 28th October to Tuesday 5th November - HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	
Monday 4th November	Staff training Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 5th November	Children back to school
Wednesday 6th November	Year 5 Sunderland Empire Theatre War Horse
Monday 18th November	Whole School Flu Vaccination
Wednesday 13th November	Year 5 Sunderland Empire Theatre War Horse
Friday 15th November	RAW Into-film festival
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Raise Money Non- Uniform Day
Wednesday 20th November	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Choir singing at Durham Cathedral
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	School Photos day
Monday 25th November	Start of Derwent Hill residential Week
Tuesday 26th November	RLC Intofilm festival
Monday 9th December	Phoenix Programme (Monday- Wednesday)
Friday 13th December	Autumn Term reports sent out to parents
Tuesday 17th December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance 9.15am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Wednesday 18th December	Reception Christmas performance 9.15am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Friday 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term
<b>Children return to school on Monday 6th January</b>	

## TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: @TStarKS1\_UCPS or @TStarKS2\_UCPS. They also appear on @UCPrimary and on our website Twitter feed

## HOUSE POINTS

Check out our house point counter at <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/children/house-point-counter>. Children are awarded points throughout the week for following the Colliery Code. This week's classes with the most house points are:  
1<sup>st</sup> – 4SP 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2JB 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3RL

## ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!  
Whole school attendance – 94.66%  
EYFS/KS 2EP 96.84% KS2 4EH 99.44% Base Blue 96.23%

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## NOTICES



**KB Coaching - Krazy Ballers, in partnership with Washington Athletic YFC brings to you**

**THE HALLOWEEN FOOTBALL CAMP 2024**

**Usworth Colliery Primary School, Washington NE37 3BD**

**Tuesday 29th October**  
**Wednesday 30th October**  
**Thursday 31st October**  
**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**For ages 6-12 year olds of all abilities**

**Learn some TRICKS and win some TREATS**

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 See our [Facebook](#) page for more details 



**THE CRYSTAL CREW PROJECT**

**SPOOKFEST**

**AT LAMBTON COMMUNITY HUB, NE38 0QA**  
**SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 12-4PM**  
**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE CRYSTAL CREW PROJECT CIC**

ARABIAN FOOD BY HABIBI COME  
CRYSTALS AND WITCHY GOODS BY SPELLBOUND BOUTIQUE  
STACEY PAINTS YOUR FACEY  
VARIOUS MARKET STALLS  
SWEET STALL  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
POTION MAKING  
HALLOWEEN GAMES & ACTIVITIES  
SCAVENGER HUNT  
AND MUCH MORE!

**FREE EVENT**

**LET US KNOW YOU'RE ATTENDING**

